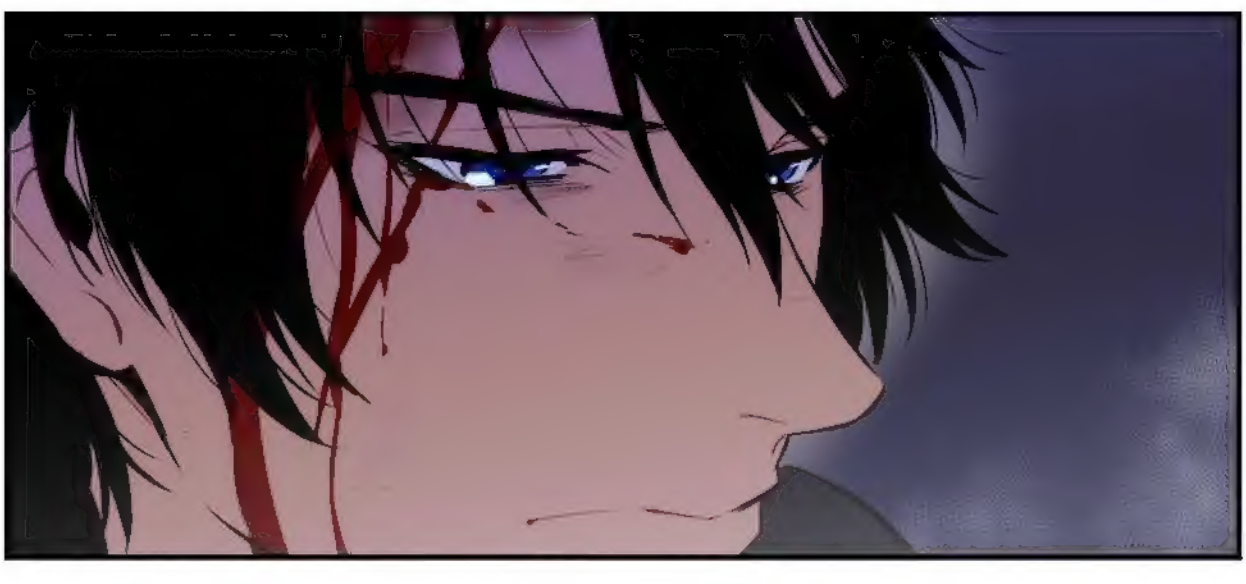
WOOSH

NOW THE HUMANS HAVE SEEN VAMPIRES BE WEAK...
AND KNOW ABOUT THE CULLING TOO...

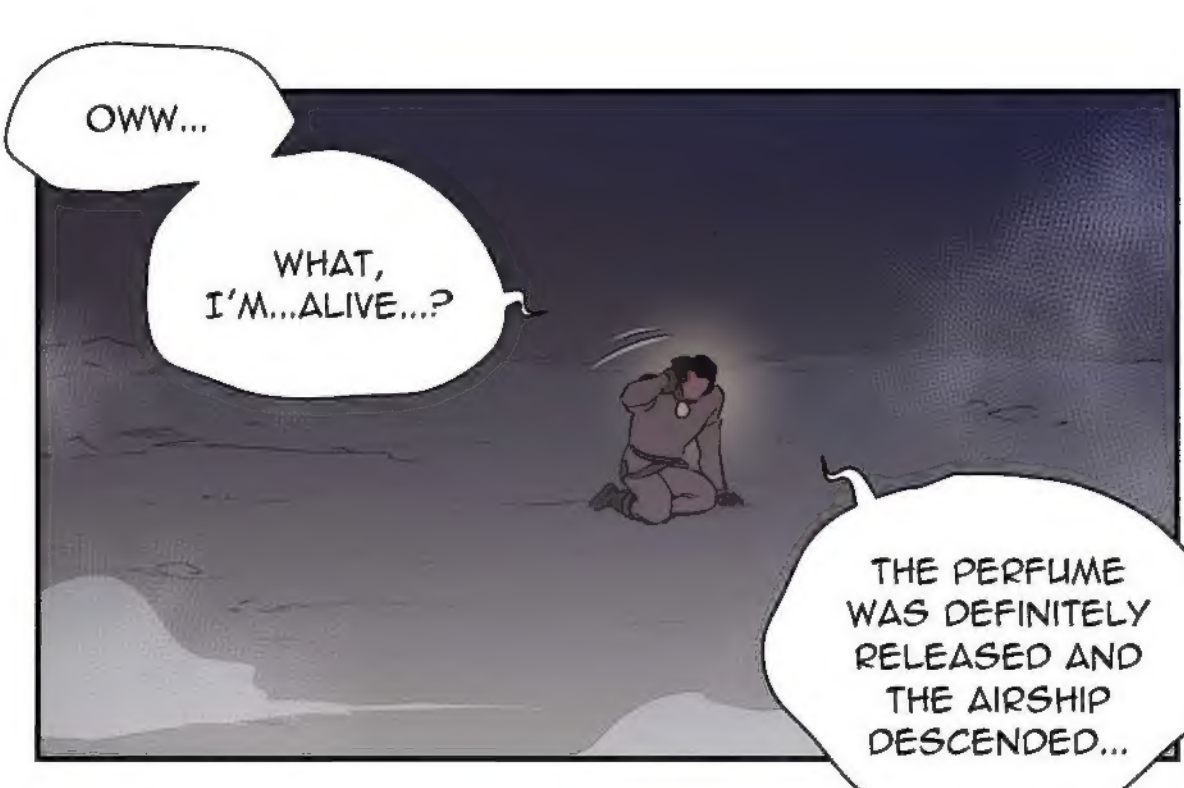
THIS MIGHT JUST BE THE BEGINNING OF THE HELL I CREATED...



...SHELL, I HAVE A REQUEST.
NO...

YOU HAVE TO DO THIS.

UGH...?!
BLINK


OWW...
WHAT, I'M...ALIVE...?
THE PERFUME WAS DEFINITELY RELEASED AND THE AIRSHIP DESCENDED...

THE PERFUME!
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE...

...MURDERERS!!
MY MOTHER AND BROTHER BOTH DIED TO THE PLAGUE LAST YEAR!
AND IT WAS ALL BECAUSE OF YOU VAMPIRES?!
I-I...LOST MY SECOND SON 3 YEARS AGO...
ANSWER US...! WAS IT REALLY YOU VAMPIRES THAT RELEASED THE PLAGUE?!
W-WE DON'T KNOW! IT WASN'T US!
DAMN HUMANS...
THEY DARE QUESTION US? THEY NEED TO LEARN THEIR PLACE...
EVEN IF IT IS TRUE, WHO EVEN CARES ABOUT THE LIVES OF A FEW HUMANS?!
YOU'RE ALL JUST BEASTS...!
...HMPH.
WEREN'T YOU THE ONES THAT WERE RIPPING EACH OTHER APART JUST A MOMENT AGO?
LOOK AT YOURSELVES.

WHAT MAKES YOU... SO DIFFERENT FROM US?

THEIR PHEROMONES SHOULD BE WEAK RIGHT NOW...

WE CAN DO IT.

WE CAN KILL YOU ALL RIGHT NOW...

UGH... WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING...?!

ARE THEY OUT OF THEIR MINDS?!

...NO WAY.

THIS ISN'T GOOD. IF THEY FIGHT RIGHT NOW, BOTH SIDES WILL BE DESTROYED.

AND IF THE TRUTH BEHIND THE CULLING IS REVEALED TO THE REST OF THE WORLD...

WAR...WILL BE INEVITABLE...!

...WHAT, YOU VAMPIRES WERE STILL ALIVE?

?! AND WHO ARE YOU? ANOTHER HUMAN?!

I'LL KILL YOU, TOO...

...HUH?!

FLINCH

THUD

A-ACK...

I-IT HURTS...!!

WHAT IS THIS IMPOSSIBLY STRONG PHEROMONE...

STEP

...I'M NOT HUMAN.

HOW COULD A HUMAN...

STEP

STEP

...DEVASTATE THE BLOOD BANK...

AND CREATE A PHEROMONE PERFUME TO KILL ALL OF YOU...

LIKE I DID?

WHO IS THAT...?

SO THE RUMORS WERE TRUE...!

I HEARD THERE WAS A HUMAN WANTED FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF THE BANK...!

U-UNBELIEVABLE... EVEN THE VAMPIRES CAN'T DO ANYTHING!

HE CAME TO SAVE US!

PLEASE!

KILL THE VAMPIRES FOR US!

WHAT'RE YOU WAITING FOR?! KILL THEM!!

...DAMN LIVESTOCK, SHUT UP.

HUH? WHAT DID YOU...

YOU'RE ALL THE SAME TO ME.

ALL OF YOU ATTACK EACH OTHER WHENEVER YOU GET THE CHANCE.

I'M DONE WITH YOU ALL.

KILL THE VAMPIRES?

AND HOW DO YOU PLAN TO SURVIVE ONCE THE VAMPIRES ARE GONE?

CAN YOU READ?

CAN YOU FARM?

ALL YOU'VE DONE UP 'TILL NOW...

...WAS GIVE UP, AND LIVE WITHOUT EVEN THINKING FOR YOURSELVES.

I DON'T EVEN NEED TO DO ANYTHING TO YOU PEOPLE.

YOU ANIMALS WILL JUST DIE OFF BY YOURSELVES ONCE THE VAMPIRES ARE GONE.

WHAT...

I KNOW. IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT. BUT...

THIS DISGUSTING WORLD NEEDS TO BURN.

...I'LL BE HAPPY WITH THAT.

H-HE'S NO HUMAN...

THERE'S NO WAY THAT'S HUMAN...

SO SCARY...!

CLICK

...IS IT TRUE?

ARE YOU THE ARCHITECT OF ALL THIS DEATH AND DESTRUCTION...?

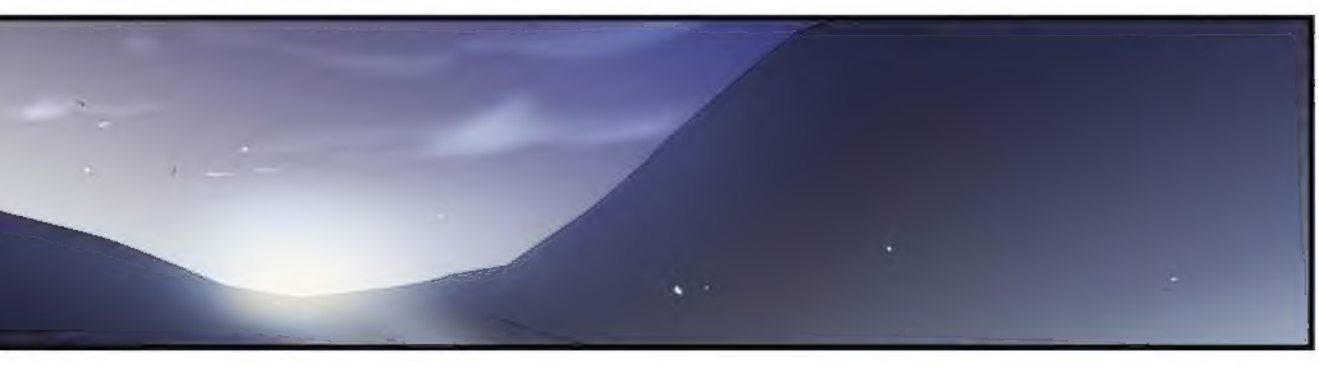
AND YOUR DESIRE TO DESTROY THE WHOLE WORLD...?

...THAT'S RIGHT.

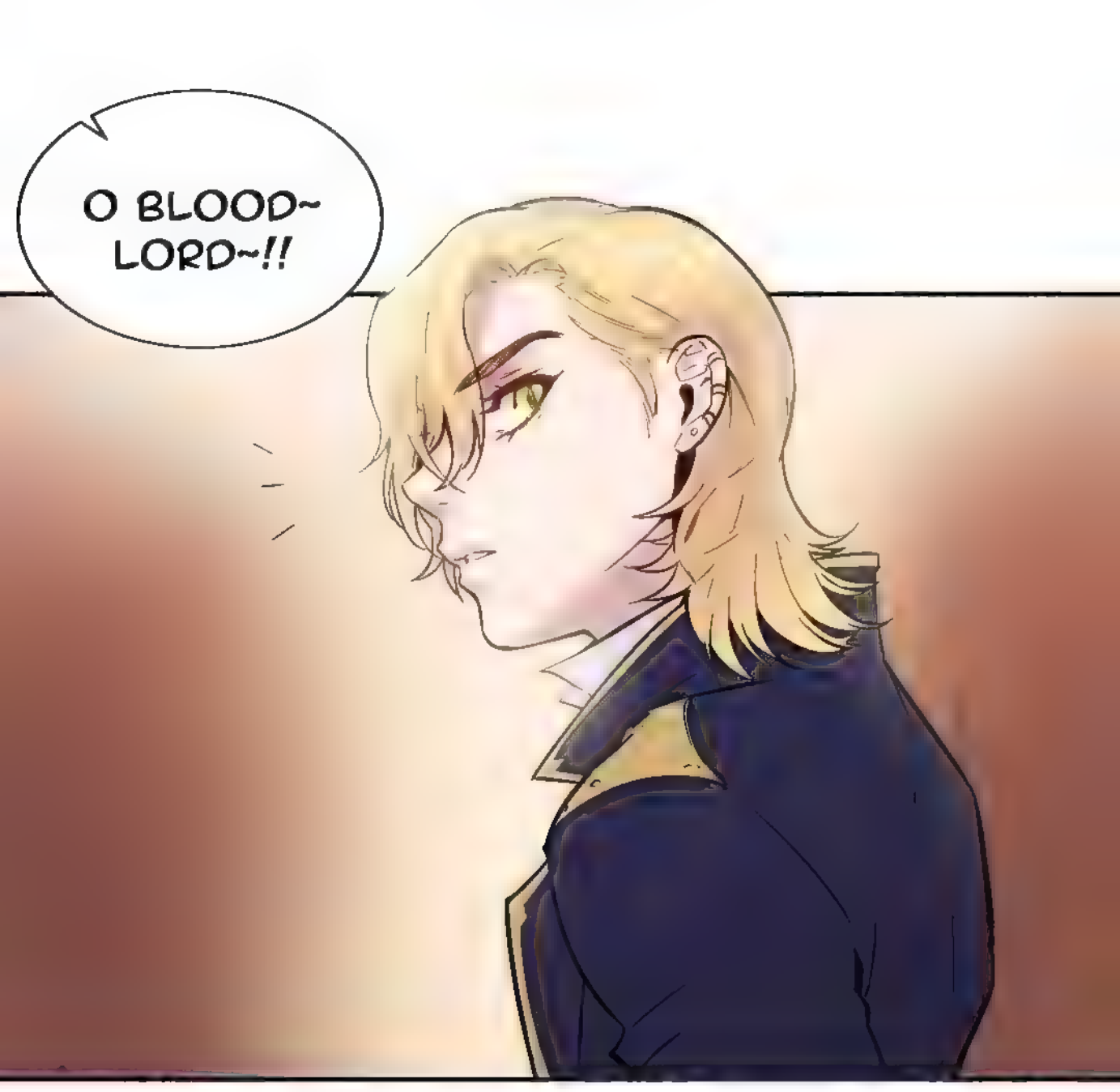
BANG

THUD

WOOSH



BLOOD BANK


O BLOOD~
LORD~!!

HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO CALL ME THAT, REIGN?

HEHE, BUT I LIKE IT!

I'LL CALL YOU THAT UNTIL I GET BORED OF IT!

OH YEAH, HERE!

THIS IS THE PHEROMONE PERFUME REPORT FOR THE HUMANS THIS MONTH.

AH, YES.

HERE'S YOUR COMPENSATION FOR YOUR A GRADE BLOOD!

UH... HOW MUCH WAS THIS AGAIN...?

MURMUR

MURMUR

THE BLOOD PRICE HAS GONE UP SO MUCH NOWADAYS...

I WONDER WHEN IT'LL STABILIZE...

THERE ARE MANY HUMANS AND VAMPIRES HERE AS USUAL~

IT'S THANKS TO THE PERFUME YOU PROVIDE EVERY MONTH THAT THIS IS POSSIBLE.

BUT THE BANKERS ARE STILL STRUGGLING BECAUSE THEY AREN'T USED TO DEALING WITH CURRENCY.

THE HUMANS HAVE NEVER RECEIVED MONEY IN EXCHANGE FOR BLOOD BEFORE...

IT'S ALREADY BEEN 3 YEARS...

THE NORTH HAS BEEN ANNIHILATED, AND THE BLOOD LORDS WERE FOUND TO HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR CULLING THE HUMANS...

THE FIRST YEAR WAS SO CONFUSING THAT NO-ONE KNEW WHAT WOULD HAPPEN...

BUT AFTER YOU BECAME BLOOD LORD, HUMANS WERE COMPENSATED FOR THEIR BLOOD, EDUCATED, AND EVEN GOT JOBS.

NOW IT'S STARTING TO FEEL NORMAL TO SEE SO MANY HUMANS WALKING DOWN THE STREETS.

OH YEAH, I THINK FATHER WILL ACCEPT THE NEW HUMAN POLICY OVER IN THE EAST!

THAT'S A RELIEF. NOW WE JUST NEED TO WORRY ABOUT THE WEST AND THE SOUTH...

THAT'S JUST A MATTER OF TIME!

AH, DID YOU KNOW?

APPARENTLY THE NUMBER OF ABNORMAL VAMPIRES COMING OUT HAS INCREASED!

WE WON'T BE AS LONELY ANYMORE~

I SEE...

...

...IS YOUR FATHER STILL IN THE NORTH?

...YEAH.

EVER SINCE HE ABDICATED HIS SEAT AFTER ADMITTING THE CULLING EXISTED...

HE'S BEEN HELPING TO SETTLE THE CHAOS OVER IN THE NORTH...

...I'M SURE YOU WERE ALWAYS CURIOUS AS TO WHY I APPOINTED YOU TO THE CENTRAL BANK.

THE WORLD WILL CHANGE SOON.

I WANTED YOU TO GROW UP BEFORE THAT HAPPENED.

I COULDN'T TELL YOU BEFORE...

WAS THE REASON YOU WENT TO THE SOUTH SO OFTEN BECAUSE...?

THAT'S RIGHT.

BECAUSE I READ ELLIE'S JOURNAL.

...THE WORLD WILL SOON BECOME INHOSPITABLE FOR VAMPIRES.

THE SEAS ARE RISING, ALONG WITH THE TEMPERATURE.

AS THE ICE AGE ENDS, THE REIGN OF VAMPIRES WILL END, TOO.

WE VAMPIRES HAVE ADAPTED TO THE COLD AND WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SURVIVE THE CHANGE IN TEMPERATURE.

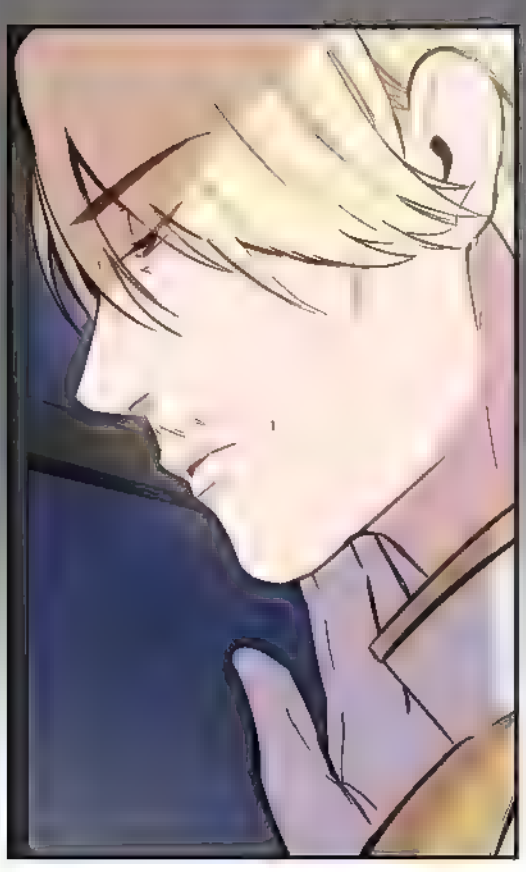
AND EVENTUALLY, WE'LL EITHER FLEE TO THE NORTH...

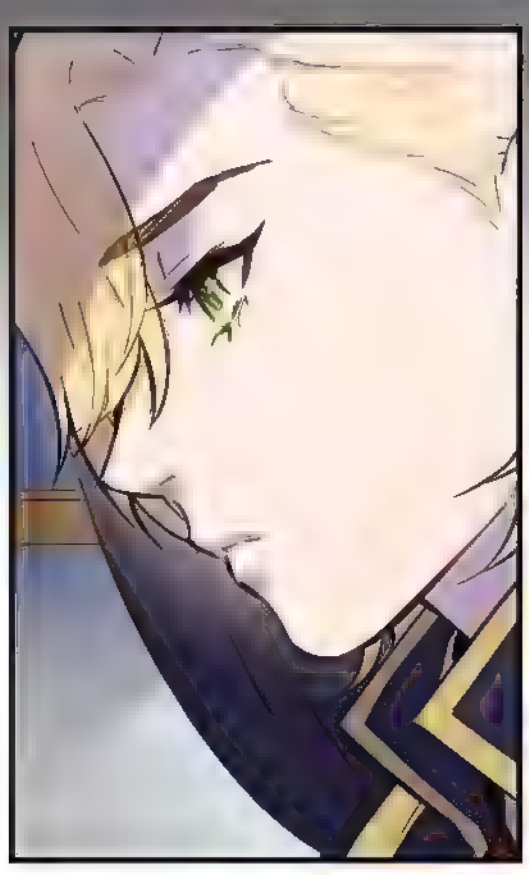
OR RISK EXTINCTION, LIKE THE HUMANS OF OLD...

...MY FATHER KNEW.

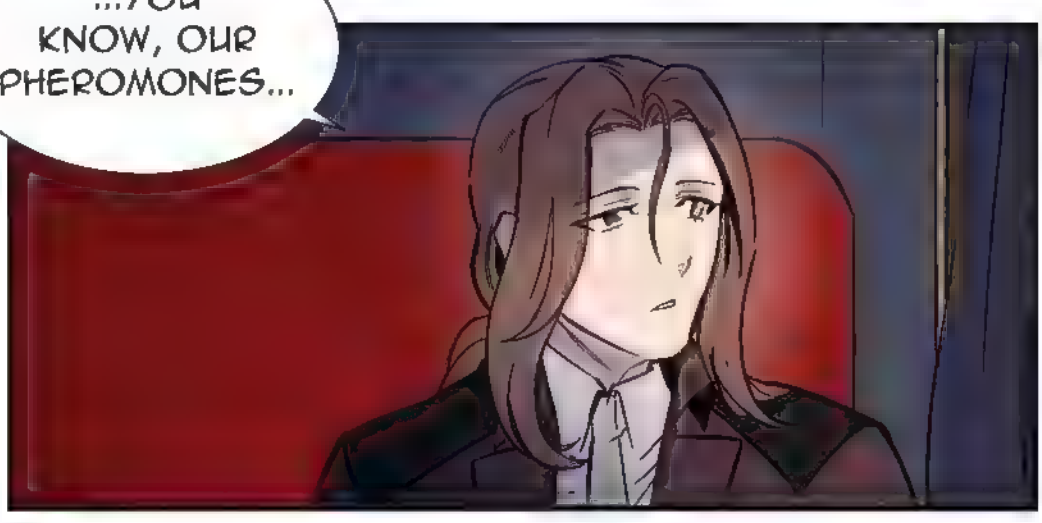
THAT THE AGE OF VAMPIRES...

...WOULD NOT LAST FOREVER.





...YOU KNOW, OUR PHEROMONES...



APPARENTLY, SOME RESEARCHERS THINK WE DEVELOPED IT DURING THE APOCALYPSE, SO WE COULD COMMUNICATE WITH EACH OTHER.

IF THAT'S TRUE, I WONDER WHEN...

...WE BEGAN USING IT TO DOMINATE PEOPLE WEAKER THAN US, INSTEAD OF FOR COMMUNICATING...

...WOULDN'T THAT...

...HAVE BEEN TO SURVIVE...?

HMM~

OH YEAH.

YOU'RE GOING TO THE SOUTH THIS WEEK, RIGHT?

I'M STARTING TO RUN OUT OF THE 'ESSENTIAL INGREDIENT' OF THE PERFUME~

...YEAH.

THE VAMPIRES WHO WERE REBORN FROM THE ASHES OF CIVILIZATION...

...DOMINATED HUMANITY WITH THEIR STRENGTH AND PHEROMONES.

THE STRONG CONSUME THE WEAK.

...AT THIS RATE, THE WORLD WILL BECOME THE HELL JACK WAS AFTER.

BUT...

IF SOMEONE WHO'S NEITHER VAMPIRE NOR HUMAN BECAME EVERYONE'S ENEMY...

NO... NO, ERIC...!!

THAT...

...IS THE RULE OF THIS WORLD.

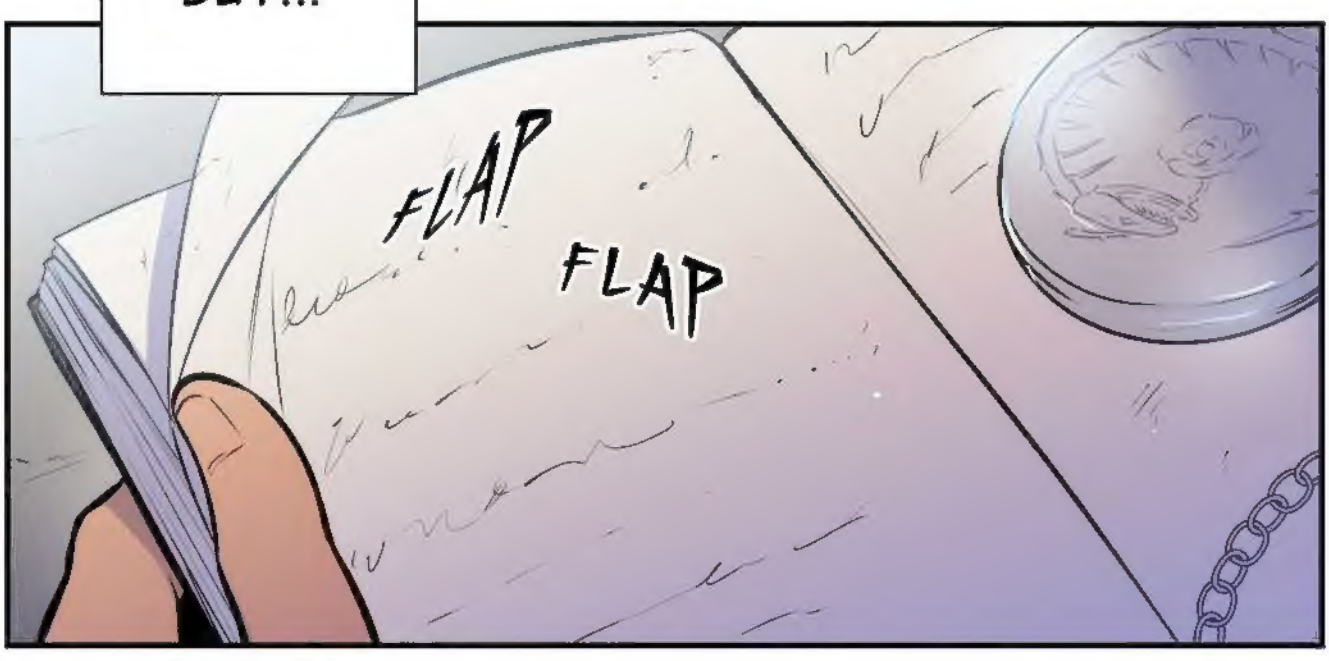
IF YOU KILL THAT ENEMY WITH YOUR OWN HANDS...

THEN WE CAN AVOID THIS CHAOS.

...I TRUST YOU.

HERE, SHOOT ME HERE.

BUT...



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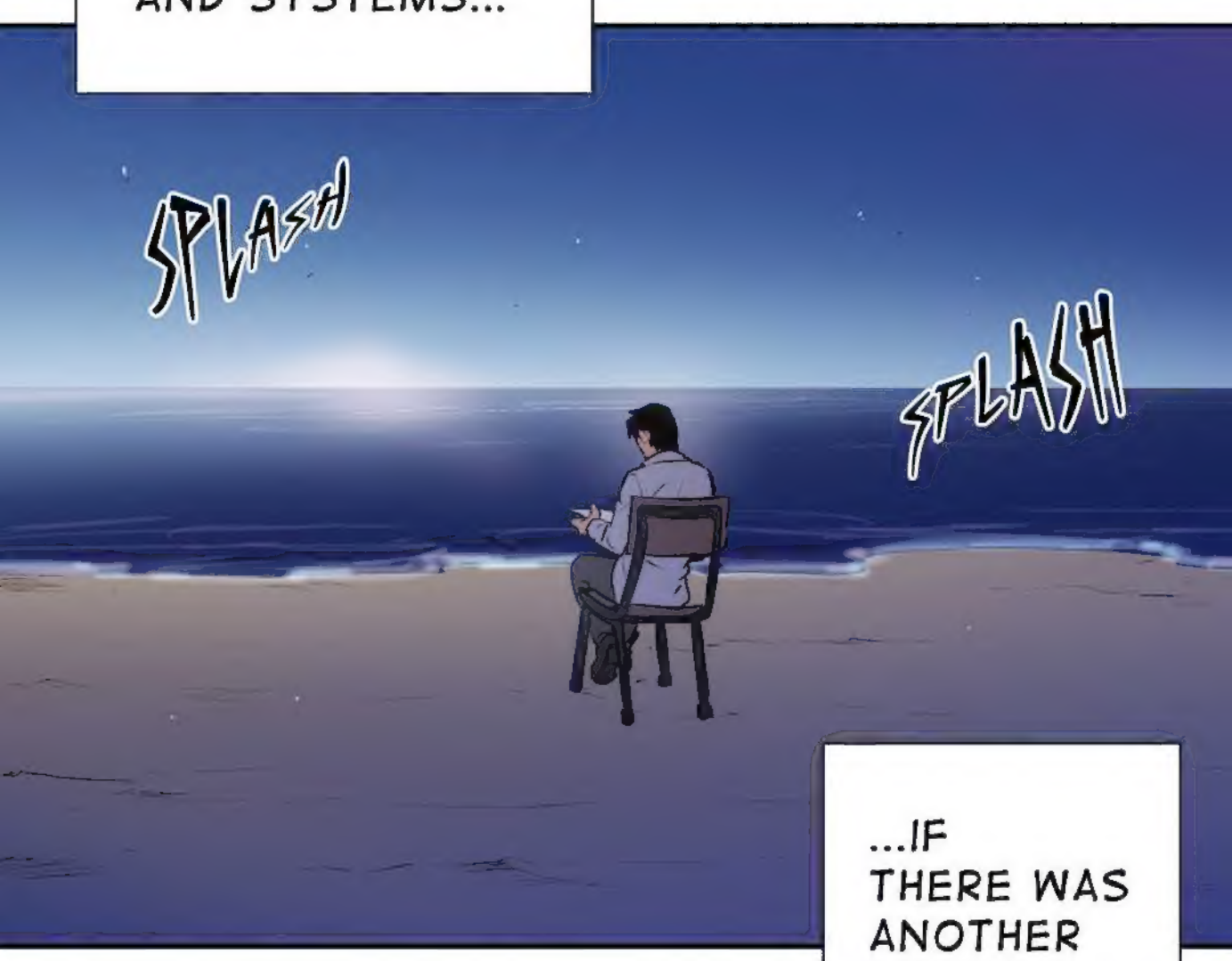
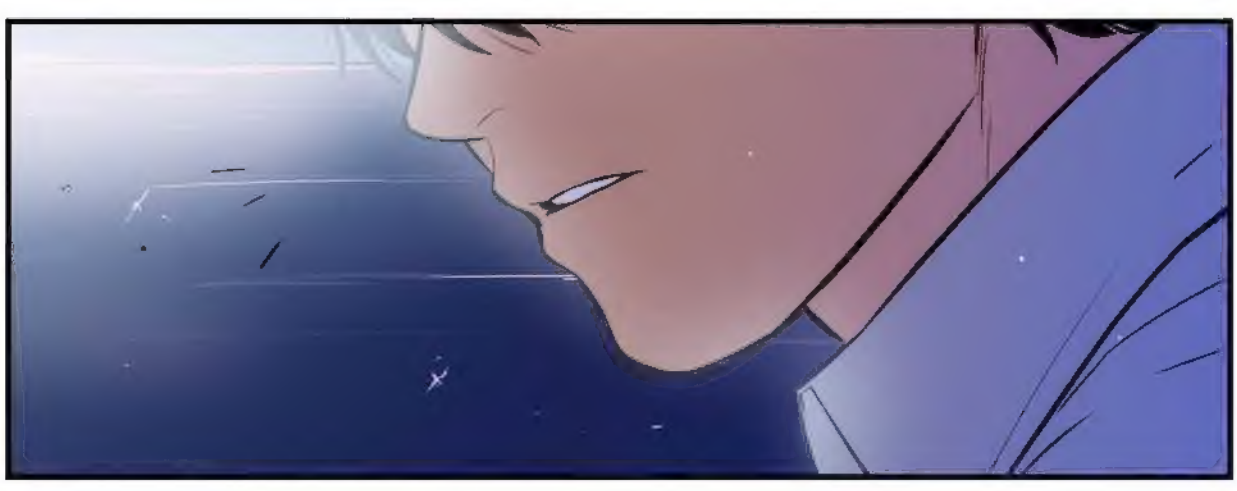


...IF THERE WAS ANOTHER 'OPTION...'



...THEN PERHAPS WE COULD MEET EACH OTHER.

NOT IN THE END.

BUT BEYOND THAT...

– END –

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